

SECURITY BRANCH

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Possible Future of Security Advisory Board

1. I have learned from one source that the President's Commission on loyalty placed among its recommendations in its recent report to the President one that would insure continuance of the Security Advisory Board as the agency of the government to write federal security regulations and establish federal security practices.
2. I have no reason to doubt that this recommendation was actually contained in the Commission's report. If the recommendation is followed it would require two things basically: (a) An increase of SAB personnel as recently recommended by SAB to SWNCC; (b) Sufficient legal status and authority to make its program effective.
3. While there would appear to be no valid objection to SAB's laying down general security policies for non-IAB agencies I feel that any effort to bind IAB agencies including CIG to policies laid down by SAB should be stoutly resisted. Up to now SAB's efforts have been rather futile, and its own ineffectuality, in the absence of effective reorganization and vital source of authority, should mitigate against its having any control over, or possibility of penetration into, the CIG or the State, War and Navy Departments save in so far as those departments are represented in SAB.
4. There is also a rumor, which this office has been unable to substantiate, to the effect that the report does not include CIG among the agencies recommended for authority to fire its own personnel which might be found upon investigation to be disloyal.
5. Possibly the Director or Deputy Director has had access to the report in question and could confirm or deny my impression of the Commission's recommendations.

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